

The Territory Press.

The Vinita Chieftain is inclined to boast over the fact that one of Vinita's business men refused a \$7,000 job. The Times-Journal refers to this fact, and goes it one better by telling of a North Canadian valley farmer who was offered a \$10,000 job as superintendent of a big stock yards, but begged off because he had to look after his potato crop.—K. C. Journal.

The total amount of the Geage annuity to be disbursed at Pawhuska this quarter is \$80,000, a decrease of \$10,000 from last quarter. The per capita is \$42. There are 562 full-bloods and 1,001 mixed breeds on the rolls. Eight hundred and thirty-two have taken their allotments of 160 acres. Four hundred and fifty-one of these are full-bloods.

The Times Journal, of Oklahoma City, prophesies that the Indian Territory will be cursed for years with litigation growing out of the settlement of tribal holdings. The tribal estate was loosely handled when it appeared to be almost valueless, and as in all such cases, when the estate became indefinite declarations and decrees and treaties loosely drawn have brought on a mass of litigation. The Choctaws and Chickasaws have a dispute with the Freedmen, the Cherokees with the Delawareans. The Mississippi Choctaws are clamoring for equal rights and intermarried whites are clamoring for recognition in every tribe.

South McAlester has just shown a remarkable instance of civic harmony. The streets of the city are in great need of paving, yet the laws of the Territory are such that the work cannot be carried out as a municipal enterprise. To overcome this difficulty every property owner but one on the main business street of the city has entered into an agreement to pave. The agreement provides for a committee to let the contract, and provides that each man shall pay his just proportion of the cost of paving, and each signer pledges himself to make the cost a lien upon his property until his proportion is paid. The one property owner will undoubtedly sign and thus make it unanimous.

Small boys with rubber boots have started a new industry. When a man's hat blows off and lights on the bottomless mud, which it cannot fail to do, the boy immediately opens negotiations with the owner of the hat as to the price he is willing to pay the lad for risking his life in the treacherous holes. The boy usually fixes his own price, depending on the color of the mud and the quality of the hat, unless he has competition, when sometimes the hats are rescued for the owner.

Stomach Troubles cured by KODOL

Under all curable conditions

Mrs. D. Kauble of Nevada, O., was cured by Kodol of stomach trouble which had affected her heart.



A. W. FOREMAN.

for a small tip. This will continue until the streets are paved. The boys are making money but it does not pay to have that kind of streets.—Muskogee Times.

A sensible young lady of Rush Springs, says the Landmark, made the following request of her friend "Do not lay me down by the rippling brookside, lest the babbling lovers wake me from my dreams, nor in the beautiful cemeteries in the valleys lest sightseers cooling over epitaphs distract me; but let me sleep under the counter of the merchant and business man, who never advertises. There is the peace that passeth all understanding, and deep is the sleep in which neither the buoyant footfall of youth nor the weary shuffle of old age will ever intrude."

There is a movement on foot to get a new national chairman for the Democratic national committee. Senator Jones is not worrying over it just now, however. He is down with the grip and a man in the clutches of that does not care who runs the party, makes the laws or writes the songs of his native land.—South McAlester News.

The appraisement parties made eighteen classifications of Cherokee land, giving each a value as follows: Natural open bottom land, \$6.50; best black prairie land, \$6.50; bottom lands covered with timber and ticks, \$6.50; best prairie land other than black; \$5; bottom land subject to overflow, \$4; prairie land, smooth and tillable, \$4.00; rough land, free from rocks, \$3.00; rolling land, free from rocks, \$4; rocky prairie land, \$2.50; sandy prairie land, \$2; alkali prairie land, \$3; hilly and rocky land, \$2; swamp land, \$2.50; mountain pasture land, \$1.50; mountain land, sandy loam, \$1.50; mountain land, silicious, \$1; rough and rocky mountain land, 50c; flint hills, 50 cents. Sometimes an allotment does not amount to \$325.60 in value allowed to each allottee, in which event the allottee takes another piece somewhere else. For instance, if a man selects sixty acres of \$5 land he still has \$25 due him and with that he can select fifty acres of 50-cent land, miles away, if he wants. But it must always be in ten-acre lots, and as a result there will be many small holdings of land scattered about the Territory.

"KATY" WANTS HILTON.

"Frisco" General Passenger Agent May Succeed Late James Barker.

Alex Hilton, general passenger agent of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, has been tendered the same position by the Missouri Kansas & Texas system, to succeed the late James Barker, and in all probability he will accept.

Mr. Hilton is now considering the offer and will make known his decision within a few days. The "Katy" proposition is a very flattering one and considering the present status of the "Frisco" it may be to Mr. Hilton's advantage to identify himself with the southwestern road. For while there has thus far been no official announcement, the report a generally credited that arrangements have been completed for the purchase of the "Frisco" system by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific company, and under such conditions the Rock Island officials would undoubtedly assume charge in the course of time. The consolidation may not be an immediate result, but a final merger of the two systems is inevitable and in that case John Sebastian, the present general passenger agent of the Rock Island, would assume charge of the passenger department of the consolidated system.

Alex Hilton is well known and his thorough knowledge of railroad conditions of the southwest will make him a valuable man for the "Katy." Before becoming general passenger agent of the Frisco, he occupied the same position with the old Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis system, which was absorbed by the St. Louis & San Francisco.

TOWNSITE WORK HELD UP.

Vinita is Fortunate in getting Appraisement Finished.

On account of the failure of the Indian appropriation bill to provide funds immediately available for carrying on the work of appraising townsites in the Indian Territory, the work will cease until next July, at which time the regular appropriation of \$25,000 will be available.

All commissions at work in the Territory have received official notice to this effect. Five towns-site clerks will be retained in the Inspector's office at Muskogee, to attend to the clerical work in the matter of issuing receipts for money for deeds to lots already appraised.

Deeds to lots included in the townsite of Vinita will be issued soon, beginning within the next two weeks, or as soon as the blank forms are received from Washington.

It is most fortunate that Vinita got her appraisement finished and approved before the cessation of work.

MR. SPRINGER'S FEE.

The One Allowed Was too Small and It is Refused.

William M. Springer, former representative from Illinois, has refused to accept a check for \$2500 that is waiting for him at the office of the Secretary of the Interior. The amount was carried in the last Indian appropriation bill, in settlement of claims Mr. Springer has held against the government for services in connection with the settlement of Indian claims.

Mr. Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior, apposed the award of any sum on Mr. Springer's claims. The attorney had secured employment from Lone Wolf and other dissatisfied Indians in the Indian Territory and brought suit for them against the government to prevent the opening of the Kiowa-Comanche-Apache country.

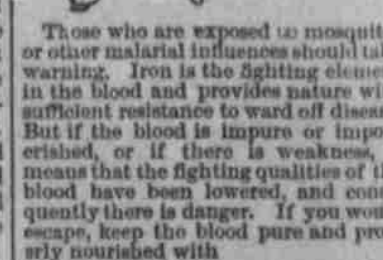
The Secretary of the Interior had refused to approve the contract between Mr. Springer and the Indians and the government won its contention in all of the courts. Then Mr. Springer secured the insertion of an item in the Indian appropriation bill awarding him \$6000 for his services in fighting the government. The conferees on the bill had quite a wrangle and finally agreed, in recognition of past services, to allow \$2500 to Mr. Springer in full settlement of all his claims. This Mr. Springer refuses to accept and threatens to bring another suit against the government.

MALARIA AND YELLOW JACK

(From N. Y. Herald, January 14, 1902.)

"The widow of Dr. Lazear, who, in the employ of the Government, went to Cuba, was inoculated with Yellow Fever through mosquito bites, and died, applied to Congress for relief to-day."

The above tells of the sad culmination of a series of experiments by the Government, all of which proved conclusively that the familiar mosquito is a dangerous vehicle for carrying Malaria, "Yellow Jack," and other malarial fevers.



Those who are exposed to mosquitoes or other malarial influences should take warning. Iron is the fighting element in the blood and provides nature with sufficient resistance to ward off disease. But if the blood is impure or impoverished, or if there is weakness, it means that the fighting qualities of the blood have been lowered, and consequently there is danger. If you would escape, keep the blood pure and properly nourished with

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TREED BY A MANIAC.

Experience of a Telephone Lineman That Was Hair-Raising and No Mistake.

An old Kansas man lately told of a trying experience which came to him while he was hunting for a break in the telephone connection between the main office and the insane hospital at Indianapolis. He had followed the line all the way out, and found that the difficulty lay between a 40-foot pole and the telephone in the men's building. As he passed along he noticed several "trusties," guarded by their keepers, working in the garden, relates Youth's Companion.

"I had to climb a tree in an isolated part of the yard," he said, "to unfasten a wire that had become entangled in a limb. I connected my test set and called up the wire chief and explained the case to him. With the work and the talk perhaps I was in the tree 20 minutes.

"I was on the point of dropping from a lower limb to the ground when I saw a crazy man waiting for me with a large pruning-knife in his hand. He was one of the gardeners whom I had passed.

"Come down," he cried. 'I know you. You stole my \$5,000. Give it back or I'll kill you.' And when he saw me hesitate and draw back he yelled: 'Come down, or I'll come up there after you!'

"I scrambled higher into the tree and shouted for help, but none came. The madman found a heavy board, and placing it against the tree, started to climb up, but in his hurry and excitement he did not place it securely, and when he was about half way up it slipped and he went sprawling to the ground. He tried it three times with the same result. Then another inmate came sauntering by, and at once took a hand in the game. He held the plank for the other man, who soon made good headway.

"At that instant I bethought me to attach my test set and summon help through the office.

"Call up the insane hospital," I called, "and tell them to send help to me in the garden! There are two lunatics after me, and one of them has a long knife. Hurry!"

"I looked down then, and saw that the maniac was in the tree. When just below me he seated himself on a limb, and drawing the knife back and forth across his palm, said: 'Look! Won't it cut?'

"He started toward me, and had one hand on my foot, and I had raised the other to kick him, when several keepers rushed up. Two of them climbed the tree, and just as he raised the knife to strike they reached him and threw a rope round him. So intent was he on getting at me that he did not see them, and was easily taken."

Smoking Among the Ancients.

The frequency with which old pipes made of clay, wood and metal have been found in England, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland and France, has led archaeologists to the belief that the ancients may have smoked. The belief receives some color from passages in ancient authors. Herodotus remarks that the inhabitants of the Arores islands, supposed to be the modern Volga, "were wont to throw piles of fruit on a fire and then to inhale the vapor, with the result that they became as drunk as ever the Greeks became after drinking wine, and the more fruit they threw on the fire the more drunk they became." Pomponius Mela talks in a similar strain of certain Thracian tribes. Pliny asserts that the vapor of plants was used to cure diseases, and says that in some instances it was even inhaled through a tube.—Scientific American.

Door of Hope.

Randall Rufus—A lady told me yesterday to apply to de Door of Hope. What does dat mean?

Moldy Mullins—Dat means de kitchen door, of course. You can't never hope to get nuthin' by ringin' de door bell 'round at de front.—Kansas City Journal.

The Reason.

His Honor the Mayor—Why do you transfer every once in a while so many of your men to the suburbs? Police Commissioner—We believe in the old adage, "Two men cooks spoil the pollieman."—Detroit Free Press.

Texas Midland Railroad.

The Texas Midland Railroad announces the following rates in effect from points on its line:

Annual Meeting, Atlantic States Packers Assn., Western Packers Canned Goods Assn., and Canning Machinery and Supplies Assn., Washington, D. C., February 9-14, rate fare and one third, on the certificate plan.

Annual Meeting Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Assn., Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb 24-26, rate fare and one third on certificate plan.

Meeting United Mine Workers of America, Jan 19-23, and Joint Meeting of Operators and Miners, Jan 29, Indianapolis, Indiana, rate one and one third fare on the certificate plan.

Meeting State Convention, Y. M. C. A., Lampasas, Texas, March 14-17, rate convention fare.

Sunny South Shrimps Tournament Brenham, Texas, Jan. 27-31, rate one and one third fare on the certificate plan.

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